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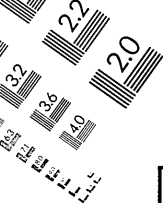
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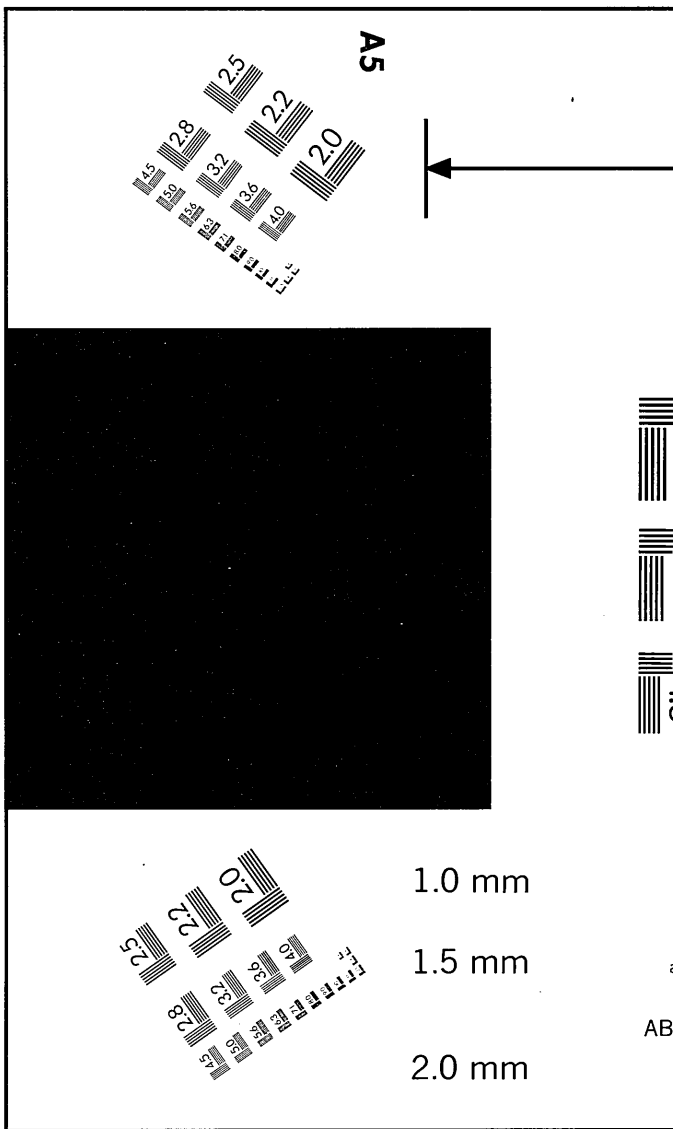
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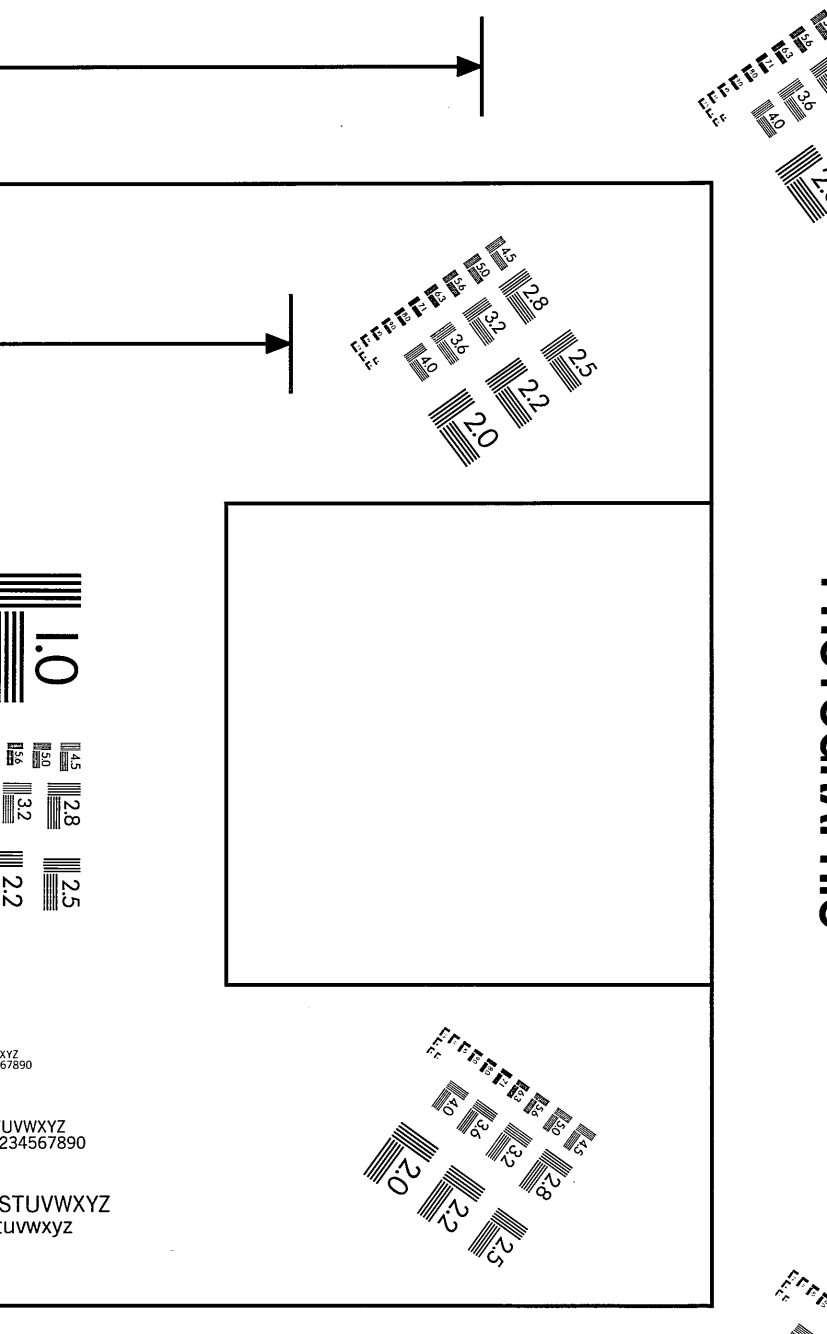
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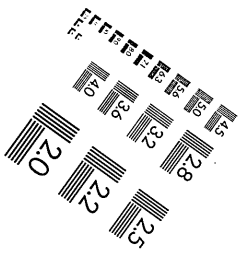
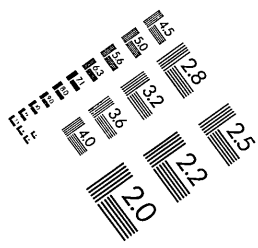




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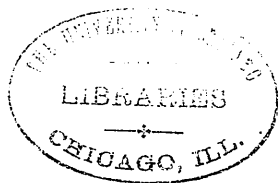
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For Special Days

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE NEW YEAR

OPENING My soul, wait thou in silence for God only,
SENTENCES For my expectation is from Him,
 He only is my rock and my salvation,
 He is my high tower; I shall not be moved.

Trust in Him at all times, ye people,
Pour out your hearts before Him.
God is a refuge for us.

Give ear to my words, O Lord,
Consider my meditation,
Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King
 and my God;
For unto Thee do I pray.

O God, Thou art my God, earnestly will I seek
 Thee.

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and answer me,
For I am poor and needy.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord,
For unto Thee do I cry all the day long.

QUARTETTE O rest in the Lord,
 Wait patiently for Him,
 And He shall give thee thy heart's desires;
 And He shall give thee thy heart's desires:

SILENCE

PRAYER Almighty God, holy and eternal, who dwellest in
 light unapproachable, thy power is too vast and thy
 greatness too wonderful for us. We cannot scale the
 heights of thy wisdom, nor sound the depths of thy good-

ness; we cannot look with undimmed eye upon the splendor of thy glory. But in lowliness of heart, O God, we come, our souls silent, waiting hushed before Thee.

SILENCE

PRAYER At the beginning of this new year, our Father, we would search deep into our lives, that we may see wherein we have failed in the way of life which Thou hast appointed for us through thy Son, Christ Jesus; wherein we have sinned against Thee. As we search together may we be fearless, piercing any insincerity that would keep us from the truth about ourselves, our weakness, our selfishness. Give us unflinching courage so to hold our lives in thy clear light that we may see them as Thou dost know them to be, poor, ineffectual and without power. O our God, humble and penitent we come in our confession, praying that Thou wilt forgive the failures of the past and help us to begin anew. Amen.

SOLO "Father, Hear Thy Children's Call."

MEDITATION (*This can be used as a responsive reading, or read entirely by the Leader.*)

Leader Thou, in all thy goodness, didst give us thy blessed Son, Christ Jesus, to show us Thyself, that in Him we might see Thee as Thou art, and man as Thou didst mean him to be. For our sakes thy Son, undeterred by our sin and blindness, lived out on earth thy life of holiness and power. For our sakes He offered Himself in utter love, spending his days in bringing new life to men. For our sins He suffered death upon the cross. For us, by his resurrection, He broke through death, triumphant, into life without end.

Let us search our hearts, that we may see what has been our response to thy Son, Jesus Christ:

If we have not believed on Him, nor gloried in Him as the Saviour of ourselves and others;

If we have made no fresh discoveries of Him who is inexhaustible; if we have not earnestly desired to know Him in the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings;

If He is not more and more the center of all our thoughts and the ground of all our hopes;

If we are not earnestly resolved to follow Him, to obey Him both in success and in failure, to hear and keep his every word, to prove and do his perfect will,

Response Forgive us, our Father, and help us to turn anew to Him.

Silence

Leader Jesus said:

"Follow me. As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

"Ye call me Master and Lord, and ye say well, for so I am.

"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever shall lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it."

Let us who call ourselves his followers examine our way of life, and our relationships with our fellow men:

If we say with our lips, "Lord, I will follow Thee," and with our lives refuse the cross, seeking self, coveting ease, reward, recognition;

If we are so preoccupied by our own petty concerns and activities that we cannot live each moment unto God;

If we are not detached in spirit, but care overmuch for money and the comfort and ease that money can buy;

If our manner of living is such that it repels those who are poorer than we, and does not make them feel at home with us,

Response Forgive us, our Father, and be with us as we commit ourselves again to thy way of life for us.

Leader If we are so busy and absorbed that we fail in our companionship with our own family, offering our best to those outside, giving little or nothing to those at home; if we have been self-contained and superficial in our friendships, indifferent to the needs of others, with no understanding of their hopes and fears;

If we are exclusive and have made no ventures of fellowship with those with whom we have to do—those who serve us, at home or in the market-place, and any others, whatever their class, creed, color;

If we do not know that we are responsible for the good life of every other person, and if we are failing so to live that people are lifted to higher levels through knowing us or through observing our manner of life,

Response Forgive us, our Father, we pray Thee, and give us of thine own love as we set out anew to care for others as Christ Jesus cares for us.

Silence

Leader Christ Jesus, "though his communion with the Father was unbroken, yet sought help in prayer. though He loved men, He retired from them to pray, rose a great while before day, watched through a night, stayed in the wilderness, went up into a mountain, sought a garden. Though He was a Son, He offered up prayers and supplications, with strong crying and tears, and was heard for his godly fear. Out of a human experience He taught us to do as He Himself had done—to seek, to knock, to ask, assured of answer far beyond the scale of human love."

Let us consider and study our ways of prayer:

If we do not take time to worship and adore; if we cannot forget ourselves; if the greatness of God does not hold us;

If we begin any undertaking or continue any service without prayer or without expectancy, and fall into the secular mind;

If we care too little for others, or believe too little in God to be able to intercede with energy and faith;

If in our approaches to God in prayer we have been reluctant, hurried, unmannerly, casual, talkative; if we interrupt and cannot listen, cannot wait before God,

Response Forgive us, we pray Thee, our Father, and teach us, that we may truly give ourselves to prayer and come to intimate communion with Thee.

Silence

HYMN (*All remaining seated*) "God of the Strong, God of the Weak."

PRAYER Lord God, we are grateful that in the calm and peace of this hour we can with Thee search our lives and again dedicate ourselves to life in Thyself. We go forth now into the new year, knowing our unworthiness, our inability to live out in our own strength the vision which Thou hast given us in Christ Jesus. But we are not dismayed, nor do we fear to fail, as we submit our lives afresh to thy way for us. Thou in all thy power and wisdom and love art utterly available to us. In Thee and through Thee may we penetrate into the selfless life, and commit ourselves completely into thy keeping.

O Thou, in whom we live and move and have our being, we consecrate to Thee ourselves, our souls and our bodies, our thoughts and our desires, our words and our deeds, to be a living and continual sacrifice unto Thee, ever and forever.

DOUBLE AMEN (*Choir or piano*).

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A SERVICE FOR LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

HYMN "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand."

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 11: 32-12: 12.

PRAYER God of our nation, from whom doth proceed all true greatness, all true wisdom, we thank Thee for those great leaders who have been called to guide our national life in times of peril and those who by faith have wrought a mighty deliverance for us from great evils which have threatened us. Especially do we thank Thee for him whom we remember today. For his courage, his vision, his unswerving devotion to duty, his selflessness, we thank Thee. Grant us, we pray, to show forth a grate-

ful remembrance, not by words but by a like faith and devotion to our country. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

LITANY OF INTERCESSION FOR OUR COUNTRY

O God, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, without whom nothing is great, nothing is strong,

Have mercy upon our country.

O God, who in thy Son, Jesus Christ, didst reveal a way of life for us and for all men, wherein we might walk as children of one Father,

Have mercy upon our country.

O God, who not by might nor by power but by thy Spirit dost move the hearts of men,

Have mercy upon our country.

From the love of gain and possession, from materialism and the worship of Mammon,

O Lord, deliver us.

From all cruelty and oppression of our fellow men, from the evils of our industrial system, from all subordination of human life and labor to selfish ends,

O Lord, deliver us.

From overbearing national pride, from thinking that Thou dost love our own nation more than any other, from all false patriotism,

O Lord, deliver us.

From racial injustice, from religious prejudice, from all disloyalty to truth and justice,

O Lord, deliver us.

Almighty God, whose service is perfect freedom, for all those who, in high place or low, have labored that our country may be grounded and established in freedom, in freedom for human life, in freedom for thought and opinion, for religion and worship,

We thank Thee.

From all that from time to time threatens this heritage,

O Lord, deliver us.

For all those who, in high place or low, have labored

to establish justice in our land, justice that shall deliver us from all domination of class, or wealth, or race,

We thank Thee.

From all that threatens in our land the impartial administration of this justice,

O Lord, deliver us.

For all those who have labored to guard and secure the homes of our land, that they may be saved from vice, selfish indulgence, and anything that endangers child life,

We thank Thee.

From all that threatens the homes of our land,

O Lord, deliver us.

By remembrance of all who have truly served our country, the remembrance of their life and labors, their sufferings, their devotion and their martyrdom, confirm in us the determination that we shall not be found unworthy of our heritage. Govern us, O God, and lift us up forever. Amen.

HYMN "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies."

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR HOLY WEEK

CHOIR "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple."

SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Leader*)

Blind and stumbling,

Weak and thoughtless,

Selfish and inadequate are these hearts of ours,

O our Master;

But with all our faithlessness

Thou lovest us.

RESPONSE (*All*)

True love is born and exists

In a realm beyond this world—

In God Himself,

In God, and in God alone,

When our souls are silent before Him.

SILENCE

HYMN (*All seated*) "Father, in Thy Mysterious Presence
Kneeling."

LEADER And they seized Him, and led Him away, and brought Him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed afar off. And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the court, and had sat down together, Peter sat in the midst of them. And a certain maid seeing him as he sat in the light of the fire, and looking steadfastly upon him, said, This man also was with Him. But he denied, saying, Woman, I know Him not. And after a little while another saw him and said, Thou also are one of them. But Peter said, Man, I am not. And after the space of about one hour another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this man also was with Him; for he is a Galilean. But Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how that He said unto him, Before the cock crow this day thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

Judas had betrayed him with a kiss. The disciples had all left Him and fled. Even Peter had followed afar off. And Peter denied Him.

ALL And what of us?—our loyalty to Him, our understanding of Him, our entering with Him into his suffering today for the sins of mankind, we, who with his friends of old "stumble and fail in our fidelity to Him"; who sleep while He suffers; who flee at the approach of danger; who follow afar off; who deny that we know Him—what of us?

LEADER Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrow; yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we

have turned every one to his own way; and Jehovah hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

HYMN (*Seated*) "There Is a Green Hill Far Away."

LEADER And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him; then said Jesus, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In unison*).

SILENCE

LEADER And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. And they were saying among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the tomb? And looking up they see that the stone is rolled back: for it was exceeding great. And entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, arrayed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he saith unto them, Be not amazed: ye seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who hath been crucified: He is risen: He is not here: behold, the place where they laid Him: But go, tell his disciples and Peter, He goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see Him, as He said unto you.

RESPONSE (*Choir*) "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Hosts."

LEADER Mary Magdalene runneth therefore, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we know not where they have laid Him. Peter therefore went forth, and the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. And they ran both together: and the other disciple outran Peter, and came first to the tomb; and stooping and looking in, he seeth the linen cloths lying; yet entered he not in. Simon Peter therefore also cometh, following him, and entered into the tomb. Then entered in therefore the other disciple also, who came first to the tomb, and he saw, and believed.

RESPONSE (*All*) Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

CHOIR "Saw Ye My Lord Where the Violets Bloom?"
—Mitchell and Lloyd (in *Six Easter Carols*).

LEADER In every trembling bud and bloom
That cleaves the earth, a flowery sword,
I see Thee come from out the tomb,
Thou risen Lord.

In every April wind that sings
Down lanes that make the heart rejoice,
Yea, in the word the wood-thrush brings,
I hear thy voice.

Lo! every tulip is a cup
To hold thy morning's brimming wine;
Drink, O my soul, the wonder up—
Is it not thine?

The great Lord God, invisible,
Hath roused to rapture the green grass;
Through sunlit mead and dew-drenched dell
I see Him pass.

His old immortal glory wakes
The rushing streams and emerald hills;
His ancient trumpet softly shakes
The daffodils.

Thou art not dead: Thou art the whole
Of life that quickens in the sod;
Green April is thy very soul.
Thou great Lord God!*

SOLO "Alleluia"—Mozart.

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PRAYER And now, O our Father, as we turn our steps down the path of the new year, grant that we may go forward as those to whom has been given the power of an endless life. Help us to live the eternal life here and now—the life of faith, of love, of fellowship, of service. Help us to measure by eternal values and to live for eternal things. So shall all of life be full of meaning and of beauty. So shall we share in carrying out the purpose that shaped the world. So shall we think thy thoughts after Thee. So shall we be eager only to do thy will, whether tomorrow find us toiling here, or in the City on the Hill. Into this life eternal and victorious, O Lord of Light, lift all our hearts today! Amen.

HYMN “Lift Up Your Hearts.”

SILENT PRAYER

CHOIR RESPONSE “From Thy Love As a Father.”

A WHITSUNTIDE SERVICE

HYMN “Our Blest Redeemer, Ere He Breathed.”

SCRIPTURE READING Acts I: 1-8; 2: 1-21.

PRAYER O God, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding, pour into our hearts such love toward Thee that we, loving Thee in all, and above all, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

O God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to come to a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus, our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

HYMN “Come Holy Ghost, in Love.”

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-

suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control.

Response The Kingdom of God is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Leader The mind of the Spirit is life and peace.

Response The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Leader God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness, but of power and love and discipline.

Response Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is unity.

Leader Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, in whom ye were sealed unto the day of redemption.

Response If any man hath not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his.

Leader Know ye not that ye are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Response He that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life.

Leader Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are diversities of ministrations and the same Lord.

And there are diversities of working, but the same God, who worketh all things in all. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit to profit withal.

Response For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom, and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit; and to another gifts of healings in the one Spirit; and to another workings of miracles; and to another prophecy; and to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; and to another interpretation of tongues; but in all these worketh the one and the same Spirit, dividing to each one severally even as he will.

Leader As many as are led by the Spirit these are the Sons of God.

Response If we live by the Spirit, by the Spirit let us also walk.

HYMN "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me."

PRAYER Spirit divine,
Spirit eternal of life and love,
Striving forever to tear thy way forth
(Like a drowning man sunk deep in miry waters)
From the iron bonds of necessity,
From the fetters of space and of matter,
From the grip of the beast,
In conscious and active loving;
God of joy and light, who lovest our souls unto death
and beyond,
Spirit of power,
Oh, shake Thyself free in us this day from all that
hinders thy full self-expression.*

O Thou, who art the Light of the minds that know
Thee, the Life of the souls that love Thee, and the
Strength of the hearts that serve Thee, help us so to
know Thee that we may truly love Thee, so to love Thee
that we may fully serve Thee, whom to serve is perfect
freedom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION Now the God of hope fill us with all joy and
peace in believing that we may abound in hope, in the
power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

AN ALL SAINTS' DAY SERVICE

HYMN "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand."

LEADER The seventh angel sounded, and there followed
great voices in heaven, and they said, The Kingdom of
the world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his
Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever.

They that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the
firmament, they that turn many to righteousness as the
stars for ever and ever.

*Source unknown.

The saints of the Most High shall receive the Kingdom, and possess the Kingdom forever, even for ever and ever.

PRAYER O almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son, Christ our Lord, grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost enkindle the flame of love in the hearts of thy Saints, grant to our minds the same faith and power of love; that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may also follow their good example, through Jesus Christ our Lord. We do give unto Thee most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy Saints, most humbly beseeching Thee to give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness in thy faith, and obedience to thy holy commandments, that, at the resurrection of the dead, we and all they which are of the mystical body of thy Son may hear his most joyful voice, "Come ye, blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 7: 9-17; 21: 1-7; 22: 1-5.

HYMN "Upward Where the Stars Are Burning."

LEADER Thou art the resurrection and the life and the repose of thy servants who have fallen asleep, O Christ, and to Thee we ascribe glory with thy unbeginning Father and with thy most holy and good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages, Amen. "The choir of Saints have found life's spring and Paradise's door"; and may I also find the way through penitence. I am a wandering sheep, O Saviour; recall me and save Thou me. Blessed art Thou, O Lord.

(Here may come the reading of names of those members

who have died during the year, the congregation standing.)

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they rest from their labors; for their works follow with them.

HYMN "For All the Saints."

BENEDICTION Grace and peace from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead. Amen.

For Special Occasions

A SERVICE FOR THE BEGINNING OF A COMMITTEE MEETING

HYMN "Lord of All Being, Throned Afar."

INVOCATION (*Seated*).

LEADER This is the generation of them that seek Thee,
That seek thy face, O Jehovah.

RESPONSE Show us thy ways, O Jehovah;
Teach us thy paths.
Guide us in thy truth and teach us;
For Thou art the God of our salvation.

LEADER If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
Ye shall ever truly find me,
Thus saith our God.

RESPONSIVE READING (*Seated*)

Leader Let us walk worthily of the calling wherewith we are called,

Response With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love;

Leader Giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Response There is one body, and one Spirit, even as also we were called in one hope of our calling:

Leader One God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.

Response But unto each one of us was the grace given according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Leader Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

Response And there are diversities of ministrations, and the same Lord.

Leader To one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom.

Response And to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit.

Leader To another faith, in the same Spirit.

Response To another, workings of miracles.

Leader And to another, prophecy.

Response And to another, the interpretation of tongues.

Leader But in all these worketh the one and the same Spirit, dividing to each one severally even as He will.

All Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN (*Standing*) "Forward Through the Ages."

PRAYER (*In unison, seated*) O God, who knowest that we are not sufficient of ourselves, but that all our sufficiency is of Thee, assist us with thy grace in all the work which we are to undertake this day. Direct us in it by thy wisdom, support us by thy power, that doing our duty diligently we may bring it to a good end, so that it may be profitable to our souls, and tend to the greater glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let the words of our mouths, and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

A SERVICE OF CONSECRATION FOR ADVISERS OF GIRLS

LEADER Let us who have known the comradeship of a common purpose and common tasks accomplished, assemble here in the stillness of this communion for the renewal of the spirit, that we may be the more resolute in the face of the larger undertakings that lie before us.

As we set our minds to keep pace with the future, shall we place in our midst light, that symbol of those who have ever led the way to new values of thought and action?

(Lights a tall white taper.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT (*In unison*) In thanksgiving for the Light which lighteth every man that cometh in to the world, we turn our thoughts to Thee, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, in whose presence is no darkness at all, neither shadow of turning.

LITANY OF LIGHT

Leader Thou who hast clothed Thyself with the vestments of light,

Group Lift up our hands, that we may lay hold on the hem of thy garment.

Leader Thou whose glory is sung by the morning stars of light,

Group Lift up our voices, that we may show forth thy praise.

Leader Thou whose truths have been a lamp to the feet of those who have sought to understand thy purposes,

Group Lift up our understanding, that we may apprehend thy thoughts and comprehend the reaches of thy love.

Leader Thou who didst reveal thy saving health to all people by a Light that was set in darkness,

Group Lift up our eyes, that we may see thine unfolding salvation for the world.

Leader Thou whose love to the world was expressed in the radiance of a human life,

Group Lift up our hearts, to behold the beauty of daily living.

Leader Thou who didst disentangle light from the darkness, who didst place in the heavens the sun and moon and stars, to guide the earthly traveler,

Group Lift up our lives, that we may be worthy to enter the household of the sons and daughters of light, that our lives may illumine the search for those who are seeking the way.

(Here may be inserted a reading from "The Prophet," by Kahlil Gibran, on what it means to be a teacher, page 64.)

A PRAYER FOR THE UNDERSTANDING OF YOUTH

Leader Thou who hast set eternity in our hearts, give us power to see the infinite reaches of the human spirit, the limitless achievement of human lives. Stir our imaginations, that we may fully see the eager of heart

who are reaching out to lay swift hold of life. Because of our love of life, may we understand their haste; because of our high evaluation of it, may we make ready to guide them in their choice of the things for which they will exchange their lives. Enlarge the capacity of our sympathies, that we may understand youth. Let their wonder find renewal in us; let their courage find reënforcement; let their loyalty find direction; let their powers find release in our freedom. Let us make adequate provision for youth. Free us from pettiness of thought and smallness of plan. God of the infinite purpose, Maker of the infinite spaces, fulfil thy glory in our living. Let us never be done with growing.

With courage to face past failures and to encounter the unexpected difficulties that we shall find both within and without us,

Group Send us forth to do our work, O God.

Leader With a diligence that shall not let our hand slack when our enthusiasm wanes,

Group Send us forth to do our work, O God.

Leader With an appreciation of the contribution of all who share with us the accomplishment of the common task,

Group Send us forth to do our work, O God.

Leader With open-mindedness to new truth, and with honesty in considering the opinions of those who differ from us,

Group Send us forth to do our work, O God.

Leader With magnanimity of spirit in vexatious circumstances, with generosity of mind to the ungenerous in thought or action,

Group Send us forth to do our work, O God.

Leader With eyes that look ahead to the future, with a faith that trusts where we cannot see,

Group Send us forth to do our work, O God.

Leader Lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and give us grace to do our work in unending measure. Amen.

HYMN "Forward Through the Ages."

A SERVICE OF LIGHT FOR USE AT A CONFERENCE

This closing service is built upon the idea that the conference throughout has been a challenge—"freely ye have received, freely give." By the use of candles there is signified the belief that the source of power and the inspiration for work for the common weal, coming from Christ Himself, pass from life to life and so become operative throughout the world.

In the center of a table standing on the platform is a large lighted candle, lighted before the service begins, symbolizing the presence of Christ in the midst. The leaders stand at either side of this central light, their unlighted candles lying on the table, ready for their use later. The conference members enter the room in processional, the choir leading, and come down the center aisle, taking the seats at either side. Each girl, as she enters, is given an unlighted candle, which she carries with her to her seat.

PROCESSIONAL "Follow the Gleam."

CALL TO WORSHIP (Choir) The Lord is in his Holy Temple,
Let all the earth keep silence
before Him.

LEADER Still our hearts in adoration before the light of thy
love and teach us all to pray:

ALL Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN OF ADORATION "Light of the World, We Hail Thee."

SCRIPTURE READING Hear the words of the ancient lawgivers :

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thy house and upon thy gates.

Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart. . . . but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Hear also the words of our Lord Jesus:

Even as the Father hath loved me, I also have loved you: abide ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full. This is my commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do the things which I command you. No longer do I call you servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I heard from my Father I have made known unto you. Ye did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that ye should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, He may give it you. These things I command you, that ye may love one another.

CHORAL CHANT Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Leader Let us pray:

O Jehovah, Thou art our Father,
We are the clay and Thou our potter,
We all are the work of thy hand.
Behold, look, we beseech Thee;
We are all thy people.

Response (*By choir or audience*)

Send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead us.
Oh, let them bring us to thy holy will.

Leader All we like sheep have gone astray,
We have turned every one to his own way,
And Thou hast laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy
loving-kindness,

According to the multitude of thy tender mercies
blot out our transgressions.

Response Send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead
us.

Oh, let them bring us to thy holy will.

Leader Gather the nations from far and teach them to walk
in thy paths.

Hasten the coming of the latter days,
When nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war any more.

Response "Send out thy light, etc." (*entire chant*).

CHARGE TO THE CONFERENCE For [ten] days we have lived together in the fellowship of our common purpose. We have sought together the way of beauty and truth and joy. We have stood at a little distance and looked back upon the work which it belongs to each of us to do in building that fairer world of which Christ dreamed, and for which He has toiled. We have found our love reaching out to girls of other races and in other lands. We have seen ourselves as members of the great family of nations in a world where peace shall dwell in the hearts of all. We have discovered in our joy in bird song and dancing water and sunlight on the leaves of trees, in the

tumult of the storm and the glory of a new day, a kinship with the Boy who played on the hills of Narazeth, the Man who walked by the shores of Galilee, the Friend who lost his life to find it for us all. We, too, have learned from Him to call God, "Father."

The light of his love shines upon our lives and we find ourselves thinking more clearly about the reality of religion in the world of [business] to which we belong; we see each common task aglow with light divine.

In the name of Him from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, I charge you to receive into your hearts the light of his love, to cherish that light as your chief treasure, to keep it burning clear and steady, to hold it aloft that others may behold it, to pass it on that others may share it, till all the world is illumined by the white light of Christ our Lord.

At the close of the charge the conference stands; the leaders light their lights from the central light; the two girls sitting at either side of the central aisle on the first row come to the platform and receive from one of the leaders the lights for their candles and return to their places, to pass the light on each to her next neighbor. The lights thus pass from person to person to the end of the first row, back to the second row, in toward the center aisle, and back to the third, passing back and forth until the candles of all the conference delegates are lighted.

During the lighting of the candles, one leader, or the leaders alternating, reads with slight pauses between, from the following selections. It is suggested that during this part of the service there be quiet music.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

In Him was Life, and that Life was the Light of Men.

The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overpowered it.

Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee; nations shall come to thy light and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will

hold thy hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light to the Gentiles, to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison-house.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. They that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Every gift which is good, and every perfect boon is from above, and comes down from the Father who is the source of all light. In Him there is no variation, nor the slightest shadow that is cast by turning.

The light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light, for their works were evil.

But he that doeth the truth cometh to the light, that his works may be made manifest that they have been wrought in God.

The darkness is passing away and the true light already shineth.

He that loveth his brother abideth in the light.

Walk while ye have the light, that darkness overtake you not: he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have the light believe on the light, that ye may become children of light.

Jesus spake with them, saying: I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another.

Ye were once darkness, but now are light in the Lord.

Walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is in all goodness and righteousness and truth.

Ye are people for God's own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

We give thanks unto the Father, who made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light,

who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love.

Ye are the light of the world. Even so let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

It is God that said, Light shall shine out of darkness; who shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Lord bless us and keep us, the Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us, the Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace.

LEADER Let us pray. For this reason, on bended knee we beseech the Father, from whom the whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name, to grant us, in accordance with the wealth of his glorious perfections, to be strengthened by his spirit, with power penetrating to our inmost being. We pray that Christ may make his home in our hearts through our faith; so that having our roots deep and our foundations strong in love, we may become mighty to grasp the idea, as it is grasped by all God's people, of the breadth and length, the height and depth—yes, to attain to a knowledge of the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, so that we may be made complete in accordance with God's own standard of completeness.

Now to Him who, in the exercise of his power that is at work within us, is able to do infinitely beyond all our highest prayers or thoughts—to Him be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, world without end. Amen.

RESPONSE (*Choir*) "Threefold Amen."

RECESSIONAL "Father of Lights" or "Forward Through the Ages."

The leaders go out, followed by the choir and the audience, all bearing aloft their lighted candles.

At the conference where this was first used, the candles were distributed in Japanese lanterns and after the delegates had passed out of the auditorium they wound their way about the camp grounds, singing, to their tents.

A SERVICE OF DEDICATION FOR A BUILDING

Dreams grow holy put in action; work grows fair.

—Adelaide Proctor

PROCESSIONAL "The Church's One Foundation."

HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy."

CALL TO WORSHIP In the glad expectation of this hour, let us pray that the sense of the nearness and faithfulness of God may be quickened within us. May our hearts be filled with gratitude and praise, gladdened and uplifted by the thought of our divine kinship. Let us be awake to our high privilege, the privilege of those accounted worthy to be fellow workers with God, called by his Spirit, to help in bringing in the reign of righteousness and peace.

RESPONSE Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts;
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory;
Glory be to Thee, O Lord, Most High. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF KEY

ACCEPTANCE

RESPONSIVE SERVICE OF DEDICATION

Thou, O Lord, art our Redeemer; from everlasting is thy name. Thou art our Father. We are the clay and Thou the potter; we all are the work of thy hands. We enter into thy presence with thanksgiving and into thy courts with praise. Out of our weakness and our failures we turn to Thee for pardon and for grace. In constant longing we come to share with Thee our hidden hopes and holiest aspirations.

Hear us as we humbly pray to Thee, our Father.

That Thou in thine infinite goodness hast been pleased to entrust us with a large task, hast bidden us lift up our eyes from afar and behold this land, which may be our heritage will we but enter in and possess it; that Thou hast thus shared with us thy vision for [*here should be inserted the name of the organization, or the purpose for which the building has been erected*],

We bless and magnify thy holy name, Father Eternal.

That Thou hast not left a few of thy servants to

struggle with a task too great for them, but hast called together from many places and divers interests those who in unity of spirit and burning faith shall guide and direct this thy work, shall lead and inspire the ranks of thy followers, shall ever press onward to larger endeavor,

We bless and magnify thy holy name, Father Eternal.

That from among the stewards of thy bounty Thou hast found those who have rejoiced to open the doors of their treasures and bring to thy coffers the gifts needed to spread thy glad tidings of peace and good-will,

We bless and magnify thy holy name, Father Eternal.

That Thou hast graciously hearkened to the desire of thy servants to build a place for thine abode, and hast blessed and prospered the task of its erection; that Thou hast enabled them to set it as a beacon and a promise to all those who stretch out their hands in longing for thy greater gifts,

We bless and magnify thy holy name, Father Eternal.

For all whom Thou hast summoned to carry on this work—those upon whose shoulders is laid the planning and direction of the service which is to be rendered in this house, that they may be given wisdom and judgment; those who shall carry out these plans, that they may be courageous in undertaking them, with understanding hearts and love that cannot fail; and for all those who shall come beneath this roof, that their needs may be met, whether of body, mind, or soul,

We intercede before thy throne, Spirit of Love.

Lord God of Hosts, accept our petitions and our thanksgiving, and hear us as we pray:

ALL Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

HYMN “How Firm a Foundation.”

LEADER Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.

RESPONSE Blessed be Thou, Lord God of Israel, our Father for ever and ever.

LEADER Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the Kingdom, O Lord, and Thou are exalted as Head above all.

RESPONSE Both riches and honor come of Thee, and Thou reignest over all; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength to all.

LEADER But who am I, and what is my people that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? For all things come of Thee, and of thine own have we given Thee.

RESPONSE For we are strangers before Thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers; our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding.

LEADER O Lord, our God, all this store that we have prepared, to build Thee an house for thy holy name, cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own.

RESPONSE We know also, O God, that Thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for us, in the uprightness of our hearts have we willingly offered all these things; and now have we seen with joy thy people, which are present here, offer willingly unto Thee.

LEADER We have surely built Thee an house to dwell in, a settled place for Thee to abide in forever.

RESPONSE But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee; how much less this house that we have builded.

LEADER For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place; with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

RESPONSE Have respect, therefore, to the prayer of thy servants, and to their supplications, O Lord our God, to heark-

en unto their cry, and to the prayer which thy servants pray before Thee.

LEADER That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which Thou hast said: My Name shall be there.

RESPONSE And hearken Thou to the supplication of thy servants, and of thy people, when they shall pray toward this place; and hear Thou in heaven, thy dwelling place.

LEADER And the Lord said, I have heard the prayer and the supplication that ye have made before me; I have hallowed this house, which ye have built, to put my Name there forever. For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my Name may be there forever, and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

ALL We, the people of this city and [name of organization], now dedicate this building in the name and to the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

DEDICATORY PRAYER

ANTHEM "Open the Gates of the Temple"—Knapp.

GREETINGS OR ADDRESS

HYMN "Follow the Gleam."

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE "Glory Be to the Father."

RECESSIONAL "Forward Through the Ages."

A SERVICE IN RECOGNITION OF THE LEADERSHIP OF WOMEN

The underlying idea of this service is the contribution of women to the enrichment of life and the public good—both a recognition and a challenge. The program, through processional, litany, and address, seeks to symbolize the essential democracy of creative achievement. Those present and participating are but representative of a host of others whose achievements this meeting seeks to appreciate.

The processional, when the service was originally used, was composed of representative women from Business, Public Affairs, Education, Religion, the Arts, Literature, Medicine, Law and Government. They were preceded by groups of girls from high school and college, business and industry, and by women from a number of foreign countries.

PROCESSIONAL "March," on a Theme from Handel—Guil-
mant (*The people standing*).

HYMN (*The people standing*)

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home. Amen.

WELCOME

RESPONSE

PROVERBS XXXI (*Cantor and choir—sung to a plainsong setting*)

A worthy woman who can find?
For her price is far above rubies.
The heart of her husband trusteth in her,
And he shall have no lack of gain.
She doeth him good and not evil
All the days of her life.
She seeketh wool and flax,
And worketh willingly with her hands.
She is like the merchant-ships;
She bringeth her bread from afar.
She riseth also while it is yet night,

And giveth food to her household,
And their tasks to her maidens.
She considereth a field, and buyeth it;
With the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
She girdeth her loins with strength,
And maketh strong her arms,
She perceiveth that her merchandise is profitable;
Her lamp goeth not out by night.
She layeth her hands to the distaff,
And her hands hold the spindle.
She stretcheth out her hand to the poor;
Yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
She is not afraid of the snow for her household;
Strength and dignity are her clothing;
And she laugheth at the time to come.
She openeth her mouth with wisdom;
And the law of kindness is on her tongue.
She looketh well to the ways of her household,
And eateth not the bread of idleness.
Her children rise up, and call her blessed;
Her husband also, and he praiseth her, saying:
Many daughters have done worthily,
But thou excellest them all.
Grace is deceitful, and beauty is vain;
But a woman that feareth Jehovah, she shall be
praised.
Give her of the fruit of her hands;
And let her works praise her in the gates.

READING O Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all
generations.
Before the mountains were born,
Or ever Thou hadst brought forth the earth and
the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting Thou art,
O God.

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
And the sky shows forth the work of his hands.

Day unto day pours forth speech,
And night unto night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words;
Their voice is not heard;
Yet their voice goes forth through all the earth,
And their words to the ends of the world.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of
him that bringeth good tidings,
That publisheth peace,
That bringeth glad tidings of good,
That publisheth salvation:
Behold, I create a new heaven and a new earth,
saith the Lord,
And the former things shall not be remembered
nor come to mind;
Men shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and
their spears into pruning-hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nei-
ther shall they learn war any more.
They shall build houses, and inhabit them;
They shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of
them.
They shall not build, and another inhabit;
They shall not plant, and another eat.
They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for
calamity.
For as the days of a tree shall be the days of my
people.
And the wolf shall lie down with the lamb,
And the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
And the calf and the young lion and the fatling
together,
And a little child shall lead them,
They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy
mountain, saith the Lord,
For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of God,
as the waters cover the sea.

Somewhere away in the future, beyond our sight, lies the city of our dreams. Many great and wise souls have seen it from afar, and they have told their vision of it in the speech of their own time.

In our turn we have our dreams of it. Yet, when mankind shall have crossed the bound of the waste, it will probably be unlike anything that men have foretold. All that we can be sure of is that it will be unlike this civilization we live in, at every point.

This is a civilization of cramped freedom and fitful, impoverished fellowships; but in the city of our dreams, freedom will be perfect and fellowship deep and full.

This is a civilization which works out its cruel logic in the slum and battlefield, the human scrap-heap and the human shambles; but in the city of our dreams there will be no human wreckage, no human carnage.

This is a civilization in which men buy in the cheapest and sell in the dearest market, getting as much as they can for as little as they need give; but in the city of our dreams no man, woman, or child will be exploited or degraded, bought or sold, oppressed or enslaved for the pleasure or gain of another.

This is a civilization of monotonous toil and ill-used leisure; but in the city of our dreams, all men sharing the common toil, every man shall then have freedom and leisure to express his soul in works of love and truth and beauty.

This is a civilization which exalts Things at the expense of Life; but in the city of our dreams, Life will sit on the throne, and Things shall be its footstool.

To this city many names have been given; but its true name is the City of God, for in it God shall dwell with his people. Whether this city will ever be built is not certain; but it is certain that it can be built. It all depends whether we want it enough to give ourselves to the building of it.*

*Richard Roberts.

Give us, O God, the strength to build
The city that hath stood
Too long a dream, whose laws are love,
Whose ways are brotherhood,
And where the sun that shineth is
God's grace for human good.

Already in the mind of God
That city riseth fair—
Lo, how its splendor challenges
The souls that greatly dare—
Yea, bids us seize the whole of life,
And build its glory there.*

HYMN (*The people standing*)

Hail the glorious Golden City,
Pictured by the seers of old!
Everlasting light shines o'er it,
Wondrous tales of it are told:
Only righteous men and women
Dwell within its gleaming wall;
Wrong is banished from its borders,
Justice reigns supreme o'er all.

We are builders of that city;
All our joys and all our groans
Help to rear its shining ramparts;
All our lives are building stones:
Whether humble or exalted,
All are called to task divine;
All must aid alike to carry
Forward one sublime design.

And the work that we have builded,
Oft with bleeding hands and tears,
Oft in error, oft in anguish,
Will not perish with our years:

*John Oxenham.

It will live and shine transfigured
In the final reign of Right;
It will pass into the splendors
Of the City of the Light. Amen.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE (*To be said
responsively, the people standing*)

Almighty and everlasting God, before whom stand the
spirits of the living and the dead, Light of lights, Foun-
tain of wisdom and goodness, who dwellest in all brave
and generous souls.

Hear Thou our prayer of praise.

For the women who have gone before us, seers of vis-
ions and doers of deeds, pioneers of freedom and path-
finders of humanity, leaders of a great cause, builders
of a better world,

We praise Thee, O God.

For their clear vision of the wrong of all distinction
because of color, creed or sex, their righteous anger
against all oppression of the weak and exploitation of the
helpless, their stern struggle against all injustice and
hardness of heart,

We praise Thee, O God.

For their passionate pity for the joyless, their com-
passion for all scorned and crushed, their swift respon-
siveness to every cry of need,

We praise Thee, O God.

For the inspired audacity of their ambitions, the
sturdy wisdom of their endeavors, the abiding values of
their achievements,

We praise Thee, O God.

For their deathless spirits, living still in poem and
story, statue, painting and song; for their sense of the
beauty and meaning of life expressed in glorious form
and symbol,

We praise Thee, O God.

For homes they have made, for their gifts to little

children, and to family joy; for their daily lives, obscure and unknown, renowned and revered,

We praise Thee, O God.

For their perseverance amid discouragement and failures, their steadfastness amid misunderstanding and ridicule, their dauntless courage amid loneliness and the contempt of men,

We praise Thee, O God.

For all the blessings that we know today, for freedom and knowledge, for opportunity and responsibility, for all our experience of abundant life, for which they paid the price,

We praise Thee, O God.

That we may be humble in the consciousness of how much we have received, how little we have given; that we may be contrite in the memory of our failures and the knowledge of our temptations to cowardice and ease; that we may ever seek the things that are before, with courage and devotion,

We earnestly pray Thee.

That we may learn the secret of self-renunciation for the sake of others; that no mean ambitions, subtle selfishness, or unworthy divisions may mar our efforts; that we may lack neither the insight to understand the needs of our generation and the willingness to face them, nor the courage to pay the price of meeting them,

We earnestly pray Thee.

That we may build and dare with a diligence that shall not slack when our enthusiasms wane, with courage to face past defeat and discouragement and to encounter unexpected difficulties, with appreciation of the contribution of all who share with us in the accomplishment of the common task, with eyes that look ahead to the future and a faith that trusts where we cannot see,

We earnestly pray Thee.

That we may think bravely, love widely, witness humbly, build greatly,

We earnestly pray Thee.

PRAYER (*In unison*)

Direct us, we pray Thee, in our voyaging over new, uncharted seas, that we may not lose courage but may have endurance. Make us continuously discerning, so that we may know our times and penetrate to the heart of their needs. Help us to hold fast that which is good, and, laying aside the weight of unnecessary custom, hand on to our children a world nearer thy plan, closer to the Kingdom of God.

And now, being of one accord, in one place, may we be given new unity, new power, and new life, as we pray together:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

ADDRESS

LITANY OF DEDICATION (*To be said responsively, the people standing*)

O God, who art Life and Light and Truth and Love, help us to see into the meaning of the way by which (women) have been led, and to discern with clearness the path that is set before us. We are (women) of many minds, alike in that we all are the work of thy hands and that we seek thy new world of righteousness and justice and beauty. Help us to press forward to possess those new and great things which are part of the glory of our inheritance. May there live again in us the selfless spirit of those who have gone before us. To the establishment and completion of their work,

We dedicate ourselves.

To the dream of the glorious Golden City, where all may live their lives in comfort, unafraid; a city of justice where none shall prey on others; a city of plenty

where vice and poverty shall cease to fester; a city of brotherhood where all success shall be founded on service; a city of peace where order shall not rest on force, but on the love of all for the city, the great mother of the common life and weal,

We dedicate ourselves.

To the breaking down of barriers, that, cleansed from class antagonisms, national hatreds, race prejudices and religious intolerance, all men may stand side by side in equal worth, mutual appreciation and true fellowship,

We dedicate ourselves.

To the creation of a richer, truer heritage of beauty, vision and understanding,

We dedicate ourselves.

To a warless world, where nation shall not rise against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; where all the peoples of the world shall be knit together in co-operation and good-will, one family of one Father eternal,

We dedicate ourselves.

That we may do our part in the making of the education, art and philosophy of our day, learning to love the eternal and express the discoveries and values of modern life in symbols full of meaning and power,

We earnestly pray Thee.

That thou wilt keep us steadfast to our visions, give us wisdom in success and defeat, and make of all our efforts the substance whereby strength may come,

We earnestly pray Thee.

PRAYER (*In unison*) We bless Thee, Almighty God, for the great souls of all ages, who gave their thoughts and prayers and agonies for the truth of God and the freedom of the people. We praise Thee for their willingness to leave all to follow their vision. We thank Thee that today the dream of those lonely hearts has become the clear faith of many. Help us, who owe so much, to press forward to possess those new and great things that are part of the glory of our inheritance. Give us faith

that can remove mountains, and love that cannot fail. And if we, too, must suffer loss, and drink of the bitter cup of misunderstanding and scorn, uphold us by thy spirit in steadfastness and joy because we are found worthy to share in the work and the reward of this goodly fellowship.

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations. From everlasting to everlasting Thou art God. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish Thou the work of our hands. Amen.

ANTHEM "Jerusalem"—Parry.

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the Holy Lamb of God
Among our pleasant pastures seen?

And did the Countenance Divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among these dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!

I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.*

PRAYER

HYMN Lead on, O King Eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest .
Thy tents shall be our home;

*"Jerusalem": William Blake.

Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal,
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet Amen of peace;
For not with swords' loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy,
The heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal,
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er thy face appears:
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN (*The people remaining standing*).

RECESSIONAL "Sortie"—Rogatsky.

For Special Needs

A SERVICE OF CONSECRATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Great and marvelous are thy works, O Lord God, the Almighty; righteous and true are thy ways, Thou King of ages. Who shall not fear, O Lord, and glorify thy name? For Thou only art holy; for all the nations shall come and worship before Thee; for thy righteous acts have been made manifest.

HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee."

RESPONSIVE READING

Say among the nations that Jehovah reigneth; He is clothed with majesty; Jehovah is clothed with strength; He hath girded Himself therewith; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

And it shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it.

And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come with singing into Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

They shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Then justice shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness shall abide in the fruitful field.

And the work of righteousness shall be peace and the effect of righteousness quietness and confidence forever.

And Jehovah said...write the vision, and make it plain upon tablets, that he may run that readeth it.

For the vision is yet for an appointed time, and it hasteth toward the end and shall not lie.

Though it tarry wait for it, because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

I will greatly rejoice in Jehovah. My soul shall be joyful in my Lord.

For as the earth bringeth forth its bud, as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord Jehovah will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

HYMN "Forward Through the Ages."

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2: 4-7, 17-22; 4: 1-6; Colossians 3: 5-7.

HYMN "God of the Strong."

PRAYER Father of lights, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we bring Thee grateful thanks this day for the many ties which bind the people of the world together. We thank Thee that Thou art giving us so large a share in the building of thy Kingdom. We praise Thee for the open doors of opportunity which now invite us to adventurous undertaking. We bless Thee for the lessons of wider service which we are learning. For all these things, we give Thee thanks.

Father of all mercies, we beseech thy forgiveness for all wherein we have failed Thee: for ignorance of the needs of others, those near at hand or far away; for slowness to recognize kinship with one another and quickness to emphasize difference whether of birth or speech, of creed or custom; for barriers we have built up, or have failed to tear down; for all lack of understanding; for all failure in sympathy; for all failure in sacrifice.

Father of love, hear us, we pray Thee, as we intercede for all who are bound by the shackles of ignorance, in-

justice, prejudice and sin, whether of their own or of other's making, that they may be set free; for all those who toil with hand and brain, that their work may be done with courage, justice and kindness; for all those in sorrow, that they may find their comfort in Thee; for those who are in places of leadership, that they may be wise and prudent. We pray for all organizations which are seeking to bring in the Kingdom, particularly for the one we represent, that, delivered from the dangers of class prejudice, race pride, religious bigotry, they may know the will of the Lord for this generation, and may wisely serve Him with unfaltering courage.

Finally, O Lord, grant that we, as workers together with Thee, may be free from all pettiness and self-seeking. Help us to learn the secret of self-renunciation for the sake of others; let us be inwardly and wholly surrendered to the will of God. So unite us in love for Thee, for thy Kingdom, and for one another, that we may together hasten the coming of that day of beauty and righteousness for which thy Son taught us to pray, saying:

(All join in repeating the Lord's Prayer.)

HYMN "Father of Lights."

BENEDICTION Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ with a love incorruptible.

A SERVICE OF FAITH

READING Hebrews 11:1, 7-40; 12:1.

HYMN "Father, in Thy Mysterious Presence Kneeling."

READING "Faith is the will to face life on the assumption that God is love. In that sense, it is a disposition and an attitude. Faith exercises itself in prayer, and love expresses itself in fellowship. Faith is the Godward thrust of life. Consequently, it never rests on its oars; as long

as it lasts it never ceases to expect visions and revelations of the Lord, and, what is more, it finds them.

“Faith is creation born of vision and work. It is dynamic, for it moves to action. It is prophetic, for it lifts the veil of the future. Faith is the specialist who diagnoses the ‘wholly impossible’ to be otherwise. It is the searchlight which reveals the trail to God. Faith is the mother-womb that shelters potentialities while they grow to be realities.”*

“In every seed to breathe the flower,
In every drop of dew
To reverence a cloistered star
Within the distant blue;
To wait the promise of the bow
Despite the cloud between,
Is Faith—the fervid evidence
Of loveliness unseen.”**

A LITANY OF FAITH

In the power of the lark to wing its way and sing its way heavenward,

O Lord, we have faith.

In the miraculous transformation of the tiny brown seed in the earth,

O Lord, we have faith.

In man’s attempts to scale the unknown heights of mountains, to sail the waters of the deep seas, to soar aloft into the air like a giant eagle,

O Lord, we have faith.

That we may experience the same unquestioning trust in the progressive development of ourselves that we feel for the growth of birds and animal-life and plants,

We do desire, O Lord.

That the confidence we place in man’s physical and

* Richard Roberts.

**“Faith:” John Bannister Tabb.

mental abilities may be found also in our regard for all things of the spirit pertaining to him,

We do desire, O Lord.

To place our lives in thy care, knowing Thee to be the Creator of all life,

We do desire, O Lord.

In the power of unselfish friendship to draw forth hidden springs of ability,

O Lord, we believe.

Likewise in the power of thy love to fan to action the divine spark of yearning which dwells in each of us,

O Lord, we believe.

In the ultimate triumph of Truth and Beauty and Goodness and Love, though slow and painful may sometimes be their struggle,

O Lord, we believe.

(All together) Hear thou, O Lord, our declaration of faith!

HYMN "Strong Son of God, Immortal Love."

PRAYER O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, knowing that thy Kingdom is within our own hearts, we would have faith in ourselves. Instil within us a self-confidence born of humility, in the consciousness that without Thee we can do nothing, that with Thee we can move mountains. We would live the Christ way of life in order that we may dedicate ourselves to Thee and to the carrying out of thy purpose for life.

Father, who didst send thy Son to teach us thy love as a Father and Jesus' love as a brother, we would have faith not only in ourselves but in our fellow men. May we believe in the presence of thy divinity in every human being, and may we seek Thee willingly, gladly and confidently in our brethren.

Sometimes we know Thee, O God, but know Thee not by name, as when we see Thee in the curling, fragrant petals of a rose, or in the majesty of a storm at sea; in the cathedral-quiet of an ancient forest, or in the joyous burst of melody from the tiny throat of a song-sparrow.

Father, give us the eyes of faith which can recognize Thee in all things beautiful.

And since complete faith in Thee grows out of belief in ourselves, out of our love for others, out of our love of the beauty and wonder of nature, may we find Thee and acknowledge Thee as the constant partner of our lives, as the ever-present creator of the glory and the goodness of the earth. And finally, O God of Life, may we come to such belief in the truth of immortality, of the life of the soul after the death of the body, that even though we are put to the sharpest test of our faith, the giving up of one we love into thy keeping, we may be able to say:

I would not that immortal soul reclaim,
To lift again his burden of the earth,
It is God's recognition of his worth
That sends him forth to be a living flame
Of liberated life. No transient fame,
Or wealth, or circumstance of birth,
No high adventure, or glad days of mirth
And comradeship could hold him. In the name
Of all I reverence in him, of all I love,
Forth now I speed him, armed with faith, assured
That all the glory of his mortal past,
Spread wide, will light the way, like stars above,
For those who cherish him. I have endured
His loss, triumphant that he lives at last!*

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen.

HYMN "How Firm a Foundation."

BENEDICTION (*In unison*) "O Lord, who art our God, our times are in thy hand; give us grace to live continually in thy glory. May Christ be our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Keeper as we pass onward to Eternity." Amen.

*"Unfettered": Lucile Lippitt.

AND WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

READING Luke 10: 25-37.

LEADER From blindness and coldness of heart, from pride of church or of race, from vainglory in our possessions or attainments, from unreality in prayer and in life,

RESPONSE Good Lord, deliver us!

HYMN "O God of Mercy."

LEADER There was a woman of America who stood and said fervently, "Thee, Lord, I love with all my heart and soul and mind and strength." But He answered, "That is not enough. You are also to love your neighbor as yourself." "Who is my neighbor, Lord?" she asked.

And the Lord replied:

"There are little children wearing out their lives in factories in every state in your nation. 'They are not my children,' you say, and pass by on the other side.

"There is a woman in your town who fell among unfriendly folk who stripped her of her reputation, and lashed her with their tongues, who froze her with their scorn and left her half-dead in her soul. And all the 'respectable' women went by on the other side.

"There was a foreign woman who came to live in your town, homesick, baffled by strange customs in a strange land. And you, who were so busy with many things, looked at her, and went by on the other side.

"There was an intelligent girl trying to get an education in order that she might live life more abundantly, and you laughed at her efforts because her skin was different in color from yours.

"There was an industrial girl striking for a living wage for her family and her friends, and you yawned over the newspaper account of her efforts and deplored the inconvenience the strike caused you.

"There is a woman in your kitchen who is a human being; a man in your garden; a woman who lives in

your street; a church seeking in its way to bring in the Kingdom—but it is not your church! There are backward races of people groping for life and freedom; confused nations, great and small, trying dimly to find the way to give their gifts to the common life of the world. Human beings! Neighbors all!

“AND YOU ARE TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS MUCH AS YOURSELF.”

READING I John 4: 12,20,21; Matthew 25: 34-40.

PRAYER Creator and Ruler of mankind,
We pray Thee this day for our country,
That her new life may be established and built up
in Thyself:
That all hatred and malice,
All indifference to the sufferings of others,
All narrow exclusiveness and selfish greed,
May be swept away by the breath of thy Spirit:
And that public spirit, honor and justice,
Cooperation in service, self-sacrifice for the good of
the whole people.
May flourish abundantly among us.
We pray Thee also for ourselves,
That Thou wilt forge us into tools meet for the service
of our country:
Burn from us all selfishness and pride,
Purify us from all baseness,
Fill us with thy divine passion
To uplift the weak,
To sweep away oppression and wrong,
To give to every man, even to the lowest and most
degraded,
The opportunity for a full life
That may be lived to thy glory and to the service
of mankind.*

HYMN “The Light of God Is Falling.”

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*All*) I affirm my faith in the

*“A Book of Prayers Written for Use in an Indian College”: Hoyland.

reality of the spiritual world, in the sacred voice of duty, in the compelling power of truth and holiness, in prayer, in the life eternal, in Him who is the Life of my life and the Reality behind all things visible. I rejoice to believe in God.

I affirm my faith in the Kingdom of God and my hope in its final triumph. I determine by faith to live day by day within the higher order and the divine peace of my true fatherland, and to carry its spirit and laws into all my dealings in the world that now is.

I make an act of love toward all my fellow men. I accept them as they are, with all their sins and failures, and declare my solidarity with them. If any have wronged or grieved me, I place my mind within the all-comprehending and all-loving mind of God, and here and now forgive. I desire to minister God's love to men and to offer no hindrance to the free flow of his love through me.

I affirm my faith in life. I call life good and not evil. I accept the limitations of my own life and believe it is possible for me to live a beautiful and Christ-like life within the conditions set for me. Through the power of Christ which descends on me, I know that I can be more than conqueror. Amen.*

CHORAL AMEN

A SERVICE OF SILENCE

OPENING SENTENCE The Lord is in his holy temple,
Let all the earth keep silent before Him.

SILENCE

HYMN "Light of Light, Enlighten Me."

READING The real silence...surrounds us on every side; in it is the source of the undercurrents of our life...Some there are that have no silence...that still the silence around them...these are the only creatures that pass through life unperceived. (*Maeterlinck*)

*Walter Rauschenbusch.

They that pluck the feathers from the wings of silence are ungodly. (*Mukerji*)

As gold and silver are weighed in pure water, so does the soul test its weight in silence, and the words that we let fall have no meaning apart from the silence that wraps them round. (*Maeterlinck*)

Silence is the element in which great things fashion themselves together, that at length they may emerge, full-formed and majestic, into the daylight of life, which they are henceforth to rule. (*Carlyle*)

HYMN "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me."

LEADER In the silence you may sometimes come to feel as if the whole world were vibrating with the presence and power of God, with absolute peace and stillness, and yet with intense and ceaseless energy, the energy of perfect self-control. Do not be afraid. In the silence we offer our subjects of prayer—persons, things, hopes, fears—offer them as seeds, to which God will give growth and fruition. God does not need endless repetition: only perfect sincerity, perfect trust. The power of growth comes from God, not from us. He is equal to every emergency, and has the wisdom and power to deal with it.

To realize this is to find the poise and quiet strength so needful in the stress and rush of daily life.

Go out into the silence. . . Relax yourself, turn away from your active mind, open your whole being to God, realizing Him not merely as an intellectual fact but as all around you and in you, the answer to every need of man.

SILENCE

LEADER Wait still upon God; open your heart to Him, let the light and warmth of his love flood your mind and heart and soul, as the flower opens itself to and drinks in the light and warmth of the sun, and becomes its true and beautiful self thereby.*

PRAYER Lord,

We thank Thee for thine inward voice,

*"Acts of Devotion".

Which ever and again calleth us away from the clam-
or and dusty strife of this life
Into the cool, quiet groves of eternity.
We thank Thee that close around us,
Ever pressing in upon our dim brains,
Is thine eternal world, full of peace and joy.

We thank Thee that a hundred times a day
We may take refuge therein,
Feel thy cool fingers soothing our fevered foreheads,
Look steadily into thy quiet eyes,
Drink in unto our souls from that gaze
The strength and peace of eternity.*

SILENCE

LEADER Be still, and know that I am God.

RESPONSE My soul, wait thou in silence for God only, for
my expectation is from Him.

LEADER He leadeth me beside the still waters.

RESPONSE He restoreth my soul.

PRAYER We thank Thee, Lord,
For all thy Golden Silences—
For every Sabbath from the world's turmoil;
For every respite from the stress of life;
Silence of moorlands rolling to the skies,
Heath-purpled, bracken-clad, aflame with gorse;
Silence of gray tors crouching in the mist;
Silence of deep woods' mystic, cloistered calm;
Silence of wide seas basking in the sun;
Silence of white peaks soaring to the blue;
Silence of dawns, when, their matins sung,
The little birds do fall asleep again;
For the deep silence of high golden noons;
Silence of gloamings and the setting sun;
Silence of moonlit nights and patterned glades;
Silence of stars, magnificently still,
Yet ever chanting their Creator's skill;

*"A Book of Prayers Written for Use in an Indian College": Hoyland.

For that high silence of thine Open House,
 Dim-branching roof and lofty-pillared aisle,
 Where burdened hearts find rest in Thee awhile;
 Silence of friendship, telling more than words;
 Silence of hearts, close-knitting heart to heart;
 Silence of joys too wonderful for words;
 Silence of sorrows, when Thou drawest near;
 Silence of soul, wherein we come to Thee,
 And find ourselves in thine Immensity;
 For that great silence where Thou dwell'st alone—
 —Father, Spirit, Son, in One,
 Keeping watch above thine Own,
 Deep unto deep, within us sound sweet chords
 Of praise beyond the reach of human words;
 In our souls' silence, feeling only Thee—

*We thank Thee, thank Thee,
 Thank Thee, Lord!**

HYMN “The Spacious Firmament on High.”

SILENCE

CLOSING SENTENCES Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.
 Heaven and earth are full of thy glory; Glory be to Thee,
 O Lord God, our Father.

CHORAL DOUBLE AMEN

FOR SPIRITUAL POWER

HYMN “Father of Lights.”

OPENING SENTENCE Come unto me, all ye that labor and are
 heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke
 upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in
 heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel:
 In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and
 in confidence shall be your strength.

HYMN (*Sung as a prayer, all seated*) “Still, Still with Thee.”

*A Silent Te Deum, in “The Later Te Deums”: John Oxenham. English
 edition.

READING The days in which we live are shot through with the spirit of haste. Everyone is in a hurry. The man of the hour is the man out of breath. . . Half of the people you meet are just in the act of leaving for something else which in turn will be left half-done. All the more need, then, that every restless, inefficient soul should learn the meaning of that great word of the Lord: In quietness and confidence shall be thy strength. Be still and know that He is God. The Lord of Hosts is with us. The Eternal is our refuge.

Jesus was never bowled over by opposition, or by some untoward situation which suddenly developed before Him, into any hasty, foolish word, into any unwise action, or into any unseemly mood. He was divinely poised and balanced. There was a certain finish and completeness about Him which has caused men to exalt Him highly, giving Him a name which is above every name and to express their conviction that before the quality of life which He embodied, every knee at last shall bow.*

The difference between the saints of old and ourselves is not one of inherent nature: it is simply that they took time to ponder God, to gaze upon Him in an act of supreme attention in which intelligent will and desire concurred in perfect harmony, while we are too greatly overrun with small activities and occupations to find leisure for such pondering.**

The central thought of religion is of a peace that is beyond the unrest of life, of a harmony that transcends all its discords, of a unity of purpose which works through all the conflict of the forces of nature, and the still more intense conflict of the wills of men.***

READING Psalms 4; 63: 1-8; Isaiah 26: 1-9, 32: 16-18; Matthew 14: 13-23; Mark 1: 32-35; Luke 12: 22-34.

HYMN "Lead Us, O Father, in the Paths of Peace."

*"These Twelve": Charles R. Brown.

***"Creative Power": E. Herman.

***Edward Caird.

READING In the castle of my soul there is a little postern gate,
Where, when I enter, I am in the presence of God.
In a moment, in a turning of a thought,
I am where God is.
When I meet God there, all life gains a new meaning,
Small things become great, and great things small,
Lowly and despised things are shot through with
glory,
My troubles seem but the pebbles on the road,
My joys seem like the everlasting hills,
All my fever is gone in the great peace of God,
And I pass through the door from Time into
Eternity.*

Out of the vastness that is God
I summon the power to heal me;
It comes, with peace ineffable
And patience, to anneal me.
Out of the vastness that is God
I summon the power to still me;
It comes from inner depths divine
With destinies that thrill me.

Out of the vastness that is God
I summon the power to keep me,
And from all fleshly ills that fret
With spirit winds to sweep me;
Ajar I set my soul-doors
Toward unbounded life,
And lo, infinitudes of power
Flow through me, vigor-rife!**

PRAYER Master and Lord,
Keep us this day in thy presence,
Fence round our hearts with thy love and thy purity,
That no evil thing may come near us.
Purge us from all selfish motive and ambition;

*"Secrets of Effective Living": James Gordon Gilkey.

**Source unknown.

Teach us to love our fellow men
With a love that shall be thy love breaking into the
world through us.

Illumine our souls with a clear and glorious percep-
tion of spiritual reality,

With a knowledge of thy divine beauty and truth
That shall fill us with joy and peace.

Make us messengers of thy grace,
Ambassadors of God amongst men.

Make us doorways through which Thou Thyself may-
est enter freely into thy world.*

Almighty God, who art the only source of health and healing, the spirit of calm and the central peace of the universe, grant to us, thy children, such a consciousness of thy indwelling presence as may give us utter confidence in Thee. In all pain and weariness and anxiety may we throw ourselves upon thy besetting care, that, knowing ourselves fenced about by thy loving omnipotence, we may permit Thee to give us health and strength and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind."

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Peace I leave with you."

A MUSICAL SERVICE UPON THE THEME OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL "Angel Voices Ever Singing."

CALL TO WORSHIP Rejoice in Jehovah, O ye righteous;
Praise is comely for the upright.
Give thanks unto Jehovah with the harp:
Sing praise unto Him with the psaltery of
ten strings.
Sing unto Him a new song:
Play skilfully with a loud noise.

* "A Book of Prayers Written for Use in an Indian College": Hoyland.

** Class Prayer, from Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston.

For the word of Jehovah is right
And all his works are done in faithfulness.
He loveth righteousness and justice:
The earth is full of the loving-kindness
of Jehovah.

Our soul hath waited for Jehovah:
He is our help and our shield.
For our heart shall rejoice in Him,
Because we have trusted in his holy name.
Let thy loving-kindness, O Jehovah, be
upon us,
According as we have hoped in Thee.

CHORAL INVOCATION "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven."

LEADER Jesus said, "In praying use not vain repetitions as the Gentiles do, for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not therefore like unto them, for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask Him. After this manner therefore pray ye:

OUR FATHER WHO ARE IN HEAVEN, HAL-
LOWED BE THY NAME.

RESPONSE I will bless thy name forever and ever.
Oh, magnify Jehovah with me
And let us exalt his name together.
Holy and reverend is his name,
His praise endureth forever.

ANTHEM "Holy Art Thou"—Handel.

LEADER THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

RESPONSE And Jesus went about all the cities and the villages preaching the gospel of the Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.

LEADER Write the vision and make it plain upon tablets,

that he may run that readeth it. Though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come. For the Kingdom of God is not in word but in power. Seek ye therefore his Kingdom and his righteousness.

HYMN "God Is Working His Purpose Out."

READING Matthew 6: 25-33.

LEADER GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.

RESPONSE Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of Lights, with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning. He that spared not his own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not also with Him freely give us all things? Jesus said: "I am the door. By me if any man enter in he shall be saved, and shall go in and go out, and shall find pasture."

DUET "The Lord Is My Shepherd"—Smart.

HYMN "Break Thou the Bread of Life."

READING Matthew 18: 21-35.

LEADER AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE
FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.

RESPONSE If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

HYMN "Father, Hear Thy Children Call."

READING Hebrews 4: 14-16.

LEADER AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION BUT
DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

RESPONSE The Lord knoweth how to deliver you out of temptation. There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear; but God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

HYMN "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind."

ANTHEM "King Alfred's Hymn"—MacDougall.

PRAYER O great God, who art ever at work in thy world, fashioning forms of wonder and beauty, who bringest light out of darkness, joy out of sorrow, righteousness out of sin, grant that we thy servants may keep ever in our minds and hearts this the prayer which thy Son, Jesus Christ, has given us. Incline our hearts unto Thee, O Jehovah, that we, reviving our spirits through contact with thy divine Spirit, may go from strength to strength and from joy to joy.

ALL FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.

CHORAL BENEDICTION "The Lord Bless Thee"—Lutkin.

RECESSIONAL "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart."

CHORAL AMEN

If there is no recessional, the Lord's Prayer said in unison may be inserted before the Choral Amen.

A LITANY FOR THOSE ENTERING UPON CREATIVE WORK

LEADER Thou who hast created beauty eternal, who hast made man a little lower than the angels, endowing him with power akin to thine,

RESPONSE May we be workmen who need not to be ashamed.

LEADER Thou who art the sanctuary for the communion of the saints, uniting in Thyself all peoples of the earth,

RESPONSE Teach us, that we may know the secret of entrance into the eternal fellowship.

LEADER Thou before whom the generations pass,

RESPONSE Permit us to see life in its far purposes; let us justly estimate past failures and achievements; let us give ourselves to no petty and useless endeavors.

LEADER Thou who art the reservoir of omnipotent knowledge,

RESPONSE Gird up our minds, that we may solve intelligently the problems that await us.

LEADER Thou who hast trusted in the power of growth—the grain of corn hidden in the earth, the mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds—knowing that if life be in them they will bear fruitage out of all proportion to themselves,

RESPONSE Endow us also with faith in the unseen processes of growth. Let us undertake no work that finds no root of conviction within our hearts.

LEADER Thou who hast enlightened the eyes of the blind and strengthened the hands of the weak, Thou who hast guided the paths of those who searched for new truths, who hast set aflame the tongues of prophets,

RESPONSE Consider Thou our manifold needs.

LEADER Thou, the infinite source of love and understanding,

RESPONSE Grant us to labor in thy spirit.

LEADER Thou, the worker in stars and planets, in oceans and all mountains, fashioner, Thou, of the vast spaces that lie beyond our finite knowledge,

ALL Share with us the quality of infinity in every daily task. Establish Thou within our hearts the holiness of beauty, the sacredness of the common need of those who are bound on earth in one humanity. Consecrate Thou every resource which it is within our power to give, to the work which lies ahead of us. Amen.

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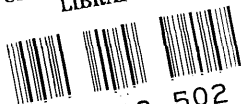
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